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SUBJ: RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
APRIL 16. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL

USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON THE RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT:

BEGIN TEXT. REPORTER: STUDENTS WANT TO PRESENT A PROTEST TO THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY, ACCUSING IT OF VIOLATION OF THAI SOVEREIGNTY.

CHATCHAI: OH, THOSE STUDENTS CAME TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS THE DAY WE WERE HOLDING CEREMONIES TO MARK ITS CENTE-
NARY. I ENTRUSTED OFFICIALS WITH GIVING EXPLANATIONS TO THEM,
WHICH THEY UNDERSTOOD, THAT IT IS UP TO THE COURT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THOSE FOUR SERVICEMEN ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OR NOT.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS CONCERNED WITH DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY FOR THREE UNITS. THEY ARE: 1. DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS;
2. MACTHAI OFFICIALS; AND 3. USOM OFFICIALS. BUT I DON'T KNOW
WHETHER ANY OTHER MINISTRY HAS COMMITMENTS WITH AMERICAN MILI-
TARY FORCES TO PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO ANY UNIT.

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YOU WILL MOST PROBABLY REMEMBER AN INCIDENT IN THE PAST WHEN AN
AMERICAN SERVICEMAN WHO WAS DRUNK TORE UP A THAI FLAG. HE WAS
SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT AT ONCE. I TOOK ACTION
FOR HIM TO BE SENT TO PRISON AT ONCE. WE MUST NEVER ALLOW ANY
OFFENSE TO BE COMMITTED AGAINST THE LAW IN THAILAND. THE DAY
FIXED FOR THE COURT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON THAT CASE WAS FRIDAY,
BUT I SAID THAT AN EARLIER DATE MUST BE FIXED, SO HE WAS SENT
TO PRISON ON WEDNESDAY. THERE WAS NO PROBLEM AT ALL IN REGARD
TO THAT CASE.

END TEXT.
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